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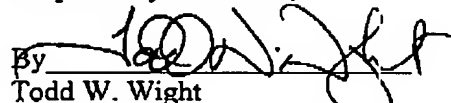
Claims 1-10, 14-20 and 23-24 are pending in the application. Claims 11, 21 and 22 are canceled by this amendment. Claim 18 has been amended. Claims 23-24 have been added. Support for the amendment as well as the added claims can be found throughout the specification and drawings. Applicants submit that no new matter or issues have been introduced.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 297912001602. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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